

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Elliott.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Robert Elliott	Present
Vice Mayor	Maurice Nelson	Present
Commissioner	James Watts	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Present
Commissioner	Richard Cochrane	Present

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Absent
City Planner/ Assistant Deputy Clerk	April Brown	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Absent
Human Resource Director	Donna Parker	Present

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Sergeant Andy Beymer.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Ms. April Brown led the invocation. Mayor Elliott led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Item 9D – State Highway Lighting Maintenance and Compensation Agreement FY 14/15 FDOT.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Nelson to add Item 9D to the Agenda.

Motion carried with all yeas.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the City Commission Regular Meeting, May 13, 2014,

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Nelson to approve the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2014.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. **PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:**

City Attorney Cloud read the Proclamation for the 50th Anniversary of Polk State College.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Citizen comments for items not on the agenda (3-minute maximum length).

EJ King, on behalf of the Fort Meade Neighborhood Development Project, was inquiring about the zoning of Martin Luther King Jr. Street being residential. Mr. King stated this was formally the “commercial district of the black community” and would like it to be returned to a commercial designation.

Mr. Curtis Bankston questioned whether or not the Proclamation should reference Polk Community College.

Mr. Richard Greer recommended that the large trees in the City Mobile Home Park be cut down and used for the Peace River Trail at the City Park.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Canon copier contract proposal.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Manley to approve the Canon copier contract proposal.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. Authorization to submit applications for Peace River Trail at the Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area.

Motion Commissioner Cochran, second Commissioner Nelson to approve authorization to submit applications for Peace River Trail.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C. City Mobile Home Park trees and preliminary layout.

City Manager Hilliard has met with a tree company to do an assessment on the conditions of the trees in the CMHP and to prepare a plan based on the assessment.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Cochrane to remove the unused items from the Electric Department inventory.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- D. State Highway Lighting Maintenance and Compensation Agreement.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Cochrane to adopt the street light agreement.

Motion carried with all yeas.

10. **CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None.

11. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

- A. Law Enforcement Agreement

City Manager Hilliard stated that the law enforcement agreement was intended to clean up the language in the previous agreement and incorporate the 911 and emergencies contract into one.

- B. FMPA/ARP

City Manager Hilliard stated that FMPA did away with the demand side management program as of September 30.

- C. Contract Rate of Demand

City Manager Hilliard stated he had a meeting to talk about transportation costs and how we manage our own operation to meet demand.

- D. Power Cost Adjustment

Mr. Bill Harrington is working on our power cost adjustment.

- E. US EcoGen

City Manager Hilliard stated that US EcoGen is still coming but they haven't modified their developers' agreement.

F. Fourth of July

City Manager Hilliard stated that we are still looking for vendors to participate at the event that will start at 4:00 p.m. with fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

G. City Staff Picnic

The picnic has been delayed until later in the fall due to conflict in staff schedules.

H. Polk County Urban County Program

City Manager stated that he would like to participate in the CDBG project.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Manley spoke of the Florida League of Cities Legislative Policy Development project stating that elected officials can serve on the Board.

Commissioner Manley advised the Commission of the Ethics conference at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort on September 24 – 26.

Commissioner Manley advised the Commission of the Ridge League of Cities Dinner June 19th, when they will announce the scholarship awards.

Vice Mayor Nelson asked when the FMPA Conference was and City Manager Hilliard stated it was July 17th.

Commissioner Cochrane stated that the City has done everything possible to lower the electric rates and they are not working.

13. STAFF REPORTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of May 13, 2014 at 8:05 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

